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## SBA, OMB, GSA and DOD Revamp CCR Database to Provide Oversight and More Accurate Reporting on Small Business Federal Contracting

**WASHINGTON** – The U.S. Small Business Administration, the Office of Management and Budget, General Services Administration and the Department of Defense today revamped the Central Contractor Registration (CCR) database to give the SBA oversight over the small business designation process and to more accurately monitor contract awards going to small businesses.

"This upgrade to the CCR database will improve upon the accuracy of the federal government's reporting of small business achievements and will allow the SBA to monitor and confirm the companies' small business status," said SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto.

The enhancement is Phase II in the merger of the Dynamic Small Business Search, formerly known as Pro-Net into the CCR database. CCR is an online business portal that assists small businesses with marketing their goods and services to the federal government and prime contractors and helps federal agencies and prime contractors seek out small businesses for contracting opportunities. The overall effort falls under the auspices of the Integrated Acquisition Environment (IAE), which is one of the E-Gov initiatives managed by the GSA.

Effective today, small businesses will no longer be able to self certify on the CCR database as a SBA-certified small disadvantaged business, 8(a)-certified business or HUBZone-certified business. Adjustments will be made to all of the small businesses' Trading Partner Profiles that are entered into the CCR database. The SBA will now mark the business fields in the CCR database to indicate whether a business is SBA-certified small disadvantaged, 8(a)-certified or HUBZone-certified.

Also, as a result of the upgrade to the database, small businesses registering in the CCR database or updating their profile in the database will be presented with a small business fraud and misrepresentation acknowledgement statement which lists the penalties imposed for misrepresentation as a small business.

In order to improve accuracy and streamline the data entry process for small businesses, the SBA will use the Small Business Logic function within the Dynamic Small Business Search database to indicate the small business size status of each firm against each North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code listed. The determination will be made based on the total revenue and the number of employees for the entire firm, including all its divisions, branches, and affiliates worldwide as indicated in the small businesses' Trading Partner Profile.

The CCR database will also now begin using only 2002 NAICS codes. If a small business is in the construction, wholesale trade, retail trade or information services industries, it should make the necessary adjustments to its Trading Partner Profile, so it doesn't reflect the 1997 NAICS codes. A conversion chart can be found at <a href="http://www.census.gov/epcd/naics02">http://www.census.gov/epcd/naics02</a>. For additional information on the new upgrades to the CCR database, visit the SBA's Web site at <a href="www.sba.gov/size">www.sba.gov/size</a>, and click on "What's New?"